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SUBJ: US NATIONAL PRESENTATION TO COURSE 46 NATO DEFENCE COLLEGE

REF: NADEFCOL, ROME 281800Z FEB 75 (PASEP)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CURRENT NATO DEFENCE COLLEGE (NADEFCOL) CLASS WILL NOT MAKE THE USUAL NORTH AMERICAN TOUR DURING WHICH APPROPRIATE STATE AND DEFENCE DEPARTMENT REPS WOULD NORMALLY MAKE THE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION. COMMANDANT, NADEFCOL HAS REQUESTED THAT MISSION OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR APPROPRIATE US REPS TO MAKE THE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION TO THE CURRENT CLASS IN ROME.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NATO DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE DECIDED, AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE, THAT THE CURRENT CLASS AT THE NADEFCOL WOULD NOT MAKE THE USUAL NORTH AMERICAN TOUR. CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMANDANT, NADEFCOL HAS REQUESTED (REFTEL) THAT MISSION OBTAIN APPROVAL OF US NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR APPROPRIATE US REPS TO MAKE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION TO THE CURRENT CLASS IN ROME.

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2. MISSION COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION. MISSION IS AWARE THAT HIGH-LEVEL STATE AND DEFENCE DEPARTMENT REPS USUALLY MAKE THE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON AS A KEY PART OF THE NADEFCOL TOUR

OF NORTH AMERICA. THE PRESENTATION COVERS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF US FOREIGN POLICY WORLD-WIDE, AND TO A LESSER DEGREE US DOMESTIC POLICY. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ARE FREQUENTLY PROBING AND WIDE-RANGING. MISSION FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION TO THE NADEFOL AND FAVORABLY ENDORSES THE COMMANDANT'S REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATE US PRESENTATION IN ROME. MISSION WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TEAM TO DEAL WITH BROAD US POLICY IN THE NATO ARENA AND TO COORDINATE DETAILS WITH APPROPRIATE REPS IN EXTRA-NATO AREAS FROM WASHINGTON IF DESIRED. UNFORTUNATELY, MISSION CANNOT PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LEVEL REPRESENTATION ON APRIL 14, 1975 AS SUGGESTED BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS: HOWEVER APRIL 21 OR WEEK OF 28 APRIL 1975 APPEAR FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE COMMANDANT, THAT THE US MAKE THE US NATIONAL PRESENTATION TO THE CURRENT NADEFOL CLASS IN ROME AND THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TEAM, AUGMENTED BY MISSION TEAM, TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WASHINGTON CONCUR IN ABOVE RECOMMENDATION AND ADVISE MISSION HOW WE MAY BEST BE OF ASSISTANCE. IF WASHINGTON CANNOT CONCUR, REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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